You can catch redfish, snapper, trout, flounder, lady fish, shrimp and sheep head. You’ll point out egrets, cranes, eagles and hawks. You’ll spot bobcats, wild boar, armadillos, possum and deer. It’s all out there - right in Long Creek, a wildlife wilderness right in your own backyard. What a great reason to live in Palm Coast!

For the next eight months, the City will be reinventing the Long Creek ecosystem for public access. The peace and beauty of this marshland will become accessible at two canoe and kayak launches as well as a fishing pier for anglers to get up close and personal with the waterway. Channels branch out to either the Intracoastal Waterway or to Pellicer Creek in the Princess Place Reserve. Spending time on Long Creek will take you away from the minutia of everyday life and put you in paradise.

The $1.5 million first phase of this build-out (located on Palm Harbor Pkwy along the saltwater canal at the bridge near Florida Park Drive) will treat explorers to so many natural sites and encounters, something you expect to find in a City as splendid as Palm Coast.

Holiday Trash Schedule
Watch for a very slight change in trash pick-up during Christmas and New Year’s.

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 – No trash pick-up. Wednesday's Yard Waste and Recycling pick-up moves to Saturday, December 28; Thurs. & Fri., December 26 and December 27 pick-up remains the same.

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1 – No trash pick-up. Wednesday's Yard Waste and Recycling collection moves to Saturday, January 4; Thurs. & Friday January 2 and January 3 pick-up remains the same.

Christmas Tree Recycling
We’ll recycle your Christmas tree for reusable mulch if you bring it to the Utility Depot on Sat., Jan. 4th from 8am to 1pm. Also bring old electronics such as computers or monitors (no TV sets, please). The Depot is located at 22 Utility Drive.
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Now that Palm Coast has become a sports tournament destination, there’s a scent of energy and excitement in the air that is fueled when athletes, their families and spectators get together for competition. And it’s not simply about the fun and games. It’s not just kicking the winning soccer or lacrosse goal, sticking that final gymnastics routine or shooting an eagle on the fourth hole at the Palm Harbor course. There is something more tangible for our City and its residents.

When I travel out of this area, I now often hear, “You’re from Palm Coast?” instead of “Where is Palm Coast?” Sports have put our community on the map because of the amenities we offer for our visitors. The beauty and peace of our natural environment keeps us in their hearts and our attention to tournament details keeps us in their minds. The cleanliness and security of our venues and fields, the sincere commitment we make to our partnerships make people want to return for another visit.

Sporting events score points for our economy, giving us widespread exposure that makes a positive impact on our fiscal future. Hundreds of athletes, team officials and families arrive here for their pre, during and post activities. They stay overnight at our hotels, enjoy eating at our restaurants, purchase merchandise in our shops. These revenues help our community to create new jobs, upgrade infrastructure and open new businesses. Some of these folks might even consider moving here permanently, bringing us their families and perhaps their companies.

Making Progress

To keep Palm Coast beautiful and maintain a high quality of life for residents, the City budgets for a number of capital projects each year. The Fiscal Year 2014 budget has been adopted, and it funds several exciting projects – the first leg of the Seminole Woods Multi-Use Path (from SR 100 to Citation Boulevard), major road and drainage improvements to Bulldog Drive, and Phase 1 construction of the Long Creek Nature Preserve, to include a fishing pier and canoekayak launch. Also this coming year, the City plans to six-lane Palm Coast Parkway from Cypress Point Parkway to Florida Park Drive, start improvements at Holland Park (a three-year project), rehab the bridge on Palm Harbor Parkway at College Waterway, replace and upgrade the Old Kings Road main pump station for wastewater, add a zero liquid discharge water treatment plant at Water Treatment Plant 2, and realign and extend Palm Harbor Parkway in preparation for the Mainazas overpass.

And your City Council lowered your property tax rate by adopting the millage ratewater control structures effecting drainage of 7 square miles from south of SR 100 to Citation Pkwy and I-95 west to Belle Terre Pkwy. Named the Three Sisters Water Control Complex, the project re-designed three separate deteriorating canals into one large freshwater lake that will better maintain water levels.

This whole cycle helps build an identity and recognition for Palm Coast, grabbing hold of the best of our resources and spreading it around for all of us to absorb. It creates more hubbub in our neighborhoods, more interaction between residents, more visitors from unique places, more gratification for our community.

This year, we attracted several new events to our annual lineup. Junior golfers, adult flag football players and soccer stars from as far away as West Ham, England have experienced our fair City. Thanks in part to the efforts of Vice Mayor Bill McGuire. 2013 was the first year we joined Ormond Beach for their Annual Senior Games, challenging our residents to compete in archery, ballroom dancing and horseshoes. Winning goes far beyond just athletes when Palm Coast hosts sporting events. Our City is acquiring a legacy as a tournament destination, one that will impact growth, unity and pride for future generations of residents. Let the games continue.

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